transportation rates are decided subject to the rates quoted by tenderers/negotiated rates.

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited has signed an agreement with Transporters for transportation of Petrol and Diesel for various States in Western and Eastern Regions, effective from 01.09.1999 and 01.03.1999 respectively.

(c) and (d) The agreements have been implemented by the Western and Eastern Regions of BPCL.

Complaints against sale of Adulterated oil In Delhi

4242. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of complaints received from consumers regarding adulteration of motor spirit and diesel by cheaper adulterants like Naphtha, Solvents etc., during the last year in Delhi;

(b) what is the number of petrol pumps closed on the basis of such complaints during that period; and

(c) whether Government are aware that a large number of petrol pumps in Tilak Nagar, Moti Nagar, Hari Nagar etc. are still selling adulterated oil and if so, whether surprise checks have been conducted on those pumps and if $o, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) 28 complaints were received during the year 2000-2001 from consumers alleging adulteration of Motor Spirit and Diesel in Delhi. In 3 cases sales & supplies were suspended for 45 days and in one .case the Retail Outlet was terminated.

(c) No specific complaint has'been received with regard to these outlets. Checking of malpractices/irregularities at petrol pumps is a

continuous activity of oil companies. Inspections are carried out at retail outlets by Oil Companies as per schedule given below:—

Sales Officer	:	Once in 3 months
Officers of Grade "C" and above	:	Once in 6 months
Joint Inspection	:	20% of Retail outlets to be covered in year.
Random Inspection by Officer of "C" Grade and above	:	10% of Retail Outlets to be covered once a year.

In addition, special vigilance drives are also carried out by oil industry both on their own and under directions of the Government from time to time to check malpractices. Under the provisions of the Essential Commodities Act, the State Governments have also been empowered to take action and they have been suitably advised from time to time by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas in this regard.

Losses suffered due to fire at Mumbai High

*4243. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fire-incidence was reported on any Mumbai High Platform during the last two months;

(b) if so, the details of damage caused by the fire;

(c) whether that platform is now closed; and

(d) if so, the total loss of revenue to ONGC as a result of its closure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) has informed that a fire incident occurred on one of the platform "BHF* in Mumbai High North field in Western Offshore on 14.2.2001 at around 1900 hours and physical damage to switch gear

†Original notice of the question wat received in Hindi.